

Idioms - A

Idiom: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words. Examples: *raining cats and dogs*; *see the light*.

(Don't) add fuel to the fire

(Don't) add insult to injury

(Don't) kick a man when he's down

- don't make a bad situation even worse

Absence makes the heart grow fonder

- being far away from a person you love makes your love even stronger

A penny saved is a penny earned

- it's good to save money, rather than spending and wasting it

A picture is worth a thousand words

- pictures can give more information than words alone

Actions speak louder than words

- what you actually do is more important than what you say you will do

(It's) all in your head

- imagined, not real

Around the clock

- all the time; 24 hours

Asleep at the wheel

- not paying attention; not doing his/her responsibilities

(Shout or yell) at the top of your lungs

- (to shout or yell) as loud as you can

Idiom Advice

Using the idioms, give advice to these people:

Tom: I really want to go see a movie tonight, but I'm trying to save my money to buy a new watch.

Advice: A penny saved is a penny earned.

Julie: I just saw my brother's girlfriend with another boy, but he's in a really bad mood because he got fired this morning. Do you think I should tell him?

Advice: Don't add insult to injury or Let sleeping dogs lie.

Iris: *Did you hear that? I think I heard something in the kitchen! Wait. . . I'm not sure. There it is again! I think I heard something. Do you hear it? Maybe it's a ghost! Maybe it's a thief!*

Advice: It's all in your head.

William: My grandfather is so old that he's almost deaf. When I talk to him, he doesn't even notice that I'm talking.

Advice: Shout at the top of your lungs.

Rita: My sister always steals my money! I yelled at her, and she apologized and promised that she would stop, but I don't know if I should believe her.

Advice: Actions speak louder than words.

David: My girlfriend got a really good job offer in Taipei, but I'm afraid that if she moves away, she'll forget about me and we might break up.

Advice: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.